

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group 1a, claims 1-9, drawn to an optical pickup head;

Group 1b, claim 10, drawn to a method of making an optical pickup head;

Group 2a, claims 11-18, drawn to a lubricant-coated optical pickup head; and

Group 2b, claims 19-22, drawn to a method of making a lubricant-coated optical pickup head.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group Ia, Claims 1-9.

By this amendment, claims 10-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad D. Wells, Registration No 50,875 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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